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## New 'Culled' Political Party Is Welcomed In John Street

**Uplifters See Ray of Hope For the Revival of Profitable Election Day Business in Organization of the Advancement Party by Galaxy of Illustrious Dinges. — President Johnsing Gets Busy.**

"I see by the papahs that us culled gentlemen are to have a political party of our own," said President Erastus Johnsing of the John Street Improvement, Welfare, Uplift and General-Do-Your-Neighbor Good Association at its regular weekly meeting Friday night.

"An' I am suddenly pleased to hear it. I know of nothing we niggahs needs more than a party of our own—especially at this time. I was among those present, a sort of mid-wife, when the new Advancement party was born and helped to select the roster of illustrious names of those eminent culled gentlemen who is to lead us into offices and away from the hod an' the garbage wagon.

"We has two well defined objects in view. The first is to shake down the Democrats and the second is to shake down the Republicans. We may be able to make it work both ways, an' if we can our efforts will not be in vain.

### Expects Some Fun.

"We all may not get elected, but see the fun we can have outen this new party. I always have wanted to be in a party where I could get on the resolutions committee and "point with pride" to something, and now is mah chance. Jes' watch foh our platform. We is goin' to roast the Dutch, the Irish, the Dagoes an' the Hunks. We is goin' to inquire why they holds all the offices while we do more than our share of the votin'.

"We shall point out that you can go into the city hall or the cote house and the only black face you will see is behind a broom, not behind a brass railin' keepin' books or doin' othah lady-like work.

"Why should the Dutch be elected to all the offices and then appoint all the Irish as their deputies? We all is real Americans. We ain't no Afro-Americans like the German-Americans and the Irish-Americans. None o' that hyphenated business goes with us. We is jes plain American niggahs, an' if our foh-fathahs didn't come ovah in the Mayflower, or the steerage of an emigrant boat, they did come ovah in a slave ship. Our ancestors didn't ask to come; they weren't even invited but was fo'ced, an' you all don't hear us always talkin' about African kultur and African patriotism like the German-Americans and the Irish-Americans.

### No Pride of Race.

"We ain't got very much pride of race, an' we ain't nevah stood togethah as we should. But now we are goin' to try it. This new Advancement party ain't no combination in restraint of trade. We is willin' to trade with the two old parties on the same old basis—votes foh money—but we wants the money in advance.

"We has been out of office so long that we are hungry enough to eat a horse and chase the driver, an' we believes that the Democrats and Republicans will be ideal hosts and we can qualify as the hostess.

"I thinks the name we has chosen is a winner. It is Advancement we wants and we wants it in advance. I has been promised a job by every candidate foh mayor, both Republican and Democrat, since I have been old enough to vote, but did you evah see me holdin' down a city job? You did not. Not even a hyphenated job like janitor-messenger.

### Need the Money.

"All we wants is a fair deal and some spendin' money an' if we can't get both we will take the money.

"You all nevah hear no niggah standin' on the street corners roastin' President Wilson foh not jumpin' in an' helpin' the Dutch kick in the slats of the Allies. We don't have no Afro-American Alliance like the German-Americans an' pass resolutions denouncin' everything American. Yet some

Dutchman from Wurtemberg or Wienerwurst or some other dinky little ole state over there will be on the ticket of the ole parties and beg foh the German vote because he is a German an' the American vote because he is an American.

"These hyphenated Americans ain't no more Americans than a mule is a horse or a jackass. They is a mongrel. If Ireland and Germany are such of heluva fine countries why is it that every steamboat comin' across has its steerage filled with people who have been savin' up their money foh two generations to get enough to come ovah heah foh? As soon as an Irishman gets the bog mud off his boots, or a Dutchman gets the smell of limberger off his whiskers, they want an office or a job on the police force.

### Are Native Born.

"We niggahs and our fathahs and granfathahs have been heah. We have hit, bled, died and voted foh many generations, yet does any one offer to split fifty-fifty with us on the offices? Do you see any niggahs in the cote house? Do you see any in the city hall or on the Bode of Education? You does not. The only public institutions where the niggahs outnumbah the white folks is in the county jail and the police stations.

"It is time we was up and doin'—somebody. These ole political parties ain't throwin' down no manna to the niggahs foh the mere askin'. If you wants political manna these days you have got to go out with a lead pipe and demand it. I ain't no Biblical student, but as I translates 'manna' it means the same as 'money'.

"How does anybody know that a niggah wouldn't make a good mayor or a good councilman? Nobody ain't never tried us to see. The Irish point with pride to Robert Emmett and the Dutch to Bismarck. But we all have had Frederick Douglas and we has Booker Washington, and they were both born in the United States and didn't come ovah heah in no steerage.

### Praises the Jew.

"One thing I like about a Jew. You nevah hear a kike hollerin' that Palestine has bettah public schools, bettah colleges, greater men and handsomer women and cheaper electric lights than we has in the United States. When a Jew comes heah from another country he cuts loose from that country. He doesn't spend his time playin' a trombone solo about the grand and glorious fatherland he has left because he couldn't make a livin' there, or because he was about to be drafted into the army. He sizes up the situation and gets down to business and in a year or two he is handlin' out the regular Saturday pay envelope to the Irish and the Dutch.

"Jesus Christ and Moses an' St. Paul an' a few other of those ole kikes made something of a name foh themselves the same as Von Moltke. Saul and David were not such bad generals, but you can talk to a Jew a whole day an' he won't mention 'em. But talk to a Dutchman three minutes an' he will spring the Kaiser on you, an' if you run into an Irish Fellowship club membah it won't be five minutes 'till you are listenin' to a history of Ireland.

### Hold the Offices.

"Yet the Dutch and the Irish hold all the offices. We wants to change that, an' I wants you niggahs to get busy foh the advancement of the Advancement party. I appoints myself a committee of one to see the leaders of the Democrat and Republican organizations and find out what they have to offer. An' I say right now that I ain't goin' to keep no books. As the president of this Association I mus' be trusted, an' befo' nex' election day I may have somethin' of interest to repoht. The meetin' is adjourned."

### UNIONISM IS FIRST.

Seattle, Wash.—President Marsh, of the State Federation of Labor, discusses the relative importance of economic and political action in a letter to the State labor press.

He urges unionists to not overlook the importance of political action, but to emphasize his belief in the power of trades unionism, says:

"Were I to have the choice to fight labor's battles, I'd take the industrial. Why? Because I believe thoroughly in organization at the very heart of man's

activities, and that heart is the place where man by the sweat of his brow earns his bread. The fundamental part of a man's life is his source of food, shelter and clothing and it is there where his material interest beats most strongly. How men differ over politics, Divide and sub-divide into schools of political thought and quarrel over the use of political means. But did you ever notice that there are certain recognized laws underlying trade unionism, certain well-defined courses of action, upon which conservatives, radicals and 'in-betweeners' absolutely agree?"

## A. F. OF L. EXTENDS AID TO UNSKILLED WORKERS

Pittsburg.—A. F. of L. Organizer Tafelski was arrested by Glassport authorities, charged with distributing printed matter advertising a mass meeting of strikers employed by the American Axe and Tool Company. The superintendent appeared to prosecute the unionist, who insisted that he be released as the arrest was made without a warrant. This was agreed to.

Low wages and poor sanitary conditions forced these workers to strike. In the department where axes are ground on emery wheels, the piece work plan makes it impossible to earn more than \$1 a day. The same is true in other departments.

The absence of sanitary arrangements in the grinding shops make tuberculosis prevalent because of constant breathing of the emery dust. In order to induce new men to work under these conditions, they are paid a premium of 50 cents per day for the first week, 40 cents the second week, 30 cents the third week and 20 cents the fourth week. The premium is then removed and the piece work system prevails. About 100 young women are employed in the packing plant. They receive from 50 cents to 90 cents per day of ten hours. Many of the workers who have families are earning about \$5 per week, while there are individual instances of men having earned but 40 and 50 cents a day.

Intense poverty among these workers is the rule. A. F. of L. Organizer John L. Lewis states that after inquiry with employees of the company no general increase of wages has been granted in a period covering forty years.

The trades union representatives are doing every thing possible to assist these workers in securing a living wage.

### STRIKERS WILL ARBITRATE.

Chicago.—The painters' district council has appointed a committee to arrange for arbitration with their employers. Several thousand of these workers have been on strike since last April. The electrical workers have also declared in favor of arbitrating a strike which involves about 500 workers.

## Journeymen Tailors Reinstated by A. F. of L.

Washington.—The Journeymen Tailors' Union is in full affiliation with the bona fide trade union movement, and the label of that organization is again recognized by the American Federation of Labor.

Differences have existed between the Journeymen Tailors' Union and the A. F. of L. because of the former's assumption of jurisdiction over other garment working trades, contrary to charter guarantees of the interested unions and the constitution of the A. F. of L., which provides for action by the convention in such cases.

As a result of decisions by the last A. F. of L. convention, the Journeymen Tailors' Union held a referendum and decided to assume their original title and jurisdiction.

The following letter from President Gompers to General Secretary Sweeney indicates that this controversy is now happily ended:

"Washington, D. C., July 10, 1915.  
"Mr. Thomas Sweeney, General Secretary Journeymen Tailors' Union of America, Corner E. Sixty-seventh street and Soney Island avenue, Chicago, Ill.

"Dear Sir and Brother—Your favor of the 8th instant to Secretary Morrison was, by reason of the action of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, turned over to me for reply, and I can not adequately convey to you the great gratification which your official announcement gives that by the referendum vote of the membership of your union, the question of amalgamation, jurisdiction, title, etc., has been in full compliance with the decisions and declaration of the Philadelphia convention of the American Federation of Labor, and the direction of the executive council thereon. Therefore, in conformity with the action of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America, and in compliance with the instructions of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to the undersigned, the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America is recognized in full affiliation with the A. F. of L., the indorsement of the union label of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America is hereby restored, the monies forwarded by the general secretary of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America to the secretary of the American Federation of Labor in payment of per capita tax of said organization, and

held in abeyance, is hereby directed to be received by the secretary of the A. F. of L. and receipt for the same forwarded you by Secretary Morrison.

"And now, permit me, not only in my own name but in the name of the executive council and the name of the great labor movement of America, to express the gratification which we must all feel that our former good relations have been re-established, and to express the hope that great benefit shall come to the tailors, to all the workers in the garment trades, as well as to the workers of all trades and callings. Rest assured that every effort will be made by our movement to be helpful to your organization and your members.

"Permit me to say that under instructions of the Philadelphia convention, I shall soon take up with you and the officers of the other unions in the garment working industry, the subject-matter of bringing about more harmonious relations and co-operation in the best interests of the trades in all our great movement.

"With best wishes, and hoping to hear from you often, I am,

"Fraternalty yours,

SAMUEL GOMPERS,  
President American Federation of Labor."

### PREVENTING MINE EXPLOSIONS.

Washington.—The federal bureau of mines has issued a technical paper, No. 84, on "Methods of Preventing and Limiting Explosions in Coal Mines." It is stated that a large amount of data covering this subject is now being compiled, but it has been deemed expedient to make this brief report in the hope "that the suggestions may lead operators of bituminous mines to take additional safeguards during winter and early spring, because it has been demonstrated that there is especial danger of coal dust explosions during and following cold weather, owing to the natural drying out of coal dust in the mines."

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Failing to elucidate  
War with all its horrid strife,  
We will then quite sagely state:  
"Such is life."

Then when life we would explain,  
Once again we miss the thrust,  
And but answer with refrain:  
"All is dust."

—McLANBURGH WILSON.